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IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF B THAT FRENCH
WILL INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS NEXT WEEK TO PUSH THROUGH A
DECISION BY THE NEW BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IN FAVOR OF THE
MIRAGE SUPER F-1 STRESSING THE BENEFITS WHICH WILL ACCRUE
TO THE EUROPEAN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY EMBASSY CONSIDERS
THAT ANY ADDITIONAL EFFORTS BY U.S. AIRCRAFT FIRMS
TO CONVINCE GOB OF MERITS ITS PROPOSALS WOULD BE TIMELY.
IN ADDITION, WE CONSIDER THAT MOVE BY COMPANIES
TO BRING ISSUE OUT INTO THE OPEN AND GAIN PUBLIC OPINION
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SUPPORT COULD HAVE IMPORTANT IMPACT AT THIS JUNCTURE.

WE WILL ADVISE THEM HERE TO ORGANIZE INDIVIDUAL PRESS
CONFERENCES AT WHICH THEY INDICATE IN CONCRETE AND
SPECIFIC DETAIL BENEFITS OF THEIR PROPOSALS TO
BELGIAN ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY AIRCRAFT AND
COMPONENT PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS, WHICH WOULD ACCRUE IF
THEIR PLANES WERE CHOSEN; PROSPECTIVE BELGIAN ROLE IN
R&D. EMBASSY PAO WILL GLADLY
PROVIDE ANY ADVISE ON HANDLING PRESS CONFERENCES. STRAUZ-HUPE

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